

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, in the heart of my Congressional District.

The Village was founded by Sam and Jack Hoffman who purchased the land from a local farmer to establish a housing subdivision. The homeowners of the subdivision voted to incorporate the Village in 1959. From its early origins, Hoffman Estates has become a model for other cities and towns to follow through its continued dedication to building a strong and vibrant community to live, work in, and raise a family.

On the occasion of this 50th Anniversary, we join together to celebrate Hoffman Estate's legacy of growth and prosperity and to look ahead to the opportunities facing our state and our nation. Today both marks 50 years of working together to build a brighter future, and reminds us that our work continues.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod, the Hoffman Estates Village Board of Trustees and the citizens of Hoffman Estates and in wishing them every happiness on this special occasion.

HONORING IRVING KRISTOL

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Irving Kristol, an extraordinary modern intellectual leader who sadly passed away recently.

Irving Kristol will be remembered as "perhaps the most consequential public intellectual of the latter half of the 20th century" as The Daily Telegraph recently memorialized him.

Born to Jewish immigrants in New York City in 1920, Irving grew up during the Great Depression, and his experience during those dark times undoubtedly shaped his worldview.

Kristol was a Trotskyist in his youth who embraced socialism long before he ever advocated for free markets and tax cuts; however, he broke from liberalism and will be remembered most for his conservative thoughts and writings that had a profound impact on generations of Americans.

He worked as the managing editor of Commentary magazine, executive vice president of Basic Books, and in the Mid-1960's, Kristol co-founded The Public Interest, a domestic policy journal that cast wide influence among policymakers.

Kristol also served as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, senior fellow emeritus of the American Enterprise Institute, and a member of the board of contributors for the Wall Street Journal in addition to the many books he authored. To honor this distinguished career, President George W. Bush awarded him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

Irving Kristol was a thought leader and his forward-thinking ideas shaped policies and helped cement the Republican Party's position as the "party of ideas."

A soldier during World War II, Kristol once wrote that "my army experience permitted me to make an important political discovery . . . The idea of building socialism with the common man who actually existed—as distinct from his idealized version—was sheer fantasy, and therefore the prospects for 'democratic socialism' were nil."

These beliefs helped shape the policies of President Ronald Reagan's administration in defeating communism.

Our former colleague, Speaker Newt Gingrich recently said that it was Irving Kristol's insights that helped create the solutions-oriented Republicanism that led to the Contract with America.

Irving Kristol was a cheerful conservative, rejuvenating and shaping American politics, often with a smile.

The list of those who will mourn his loss is long and distinguished as he touched many lives, but I take comfort in knowing that both the Kristol name and legacy will live on.

I offer my most sincere condolences to his wife Gertrude, and children, Elizabeth and Bill.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD  
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 684, recognizing and honoring Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice and its continued commitment to the training of capable and compassionate legal practitioners and scholars. The United States Congress chartered Howard University here in Washington, D.C. back in 1867, this bill honors not only their hard work, but the prescience of our forefathers.

Howard University School of Law first opened its doors in 1869 during a time of dramatic change in the United States, after the civil war. At the time, there was a great need to train lawyers who had a strong commitment to helping black Americans secure and protect their newly established rights. Today Howard University's Law School carries on that tradition, educating its students to fight for those whose voice may not otherwise be heard.

My home of Houston has a special relationship with the Howard University School of Law. Specifically, my city of Houston shares its name with a pillar of the Howard University School of Law community, its late dean, the legendary Charles Hamilton Houston. Educated at Amherst College and Harvard Law School, Houston was the first African American to serve as an editor of the Harvard Law Review. This feat by Houston paved the way for a young Harvard Law student who stood in Houston's shoes some 70 years later as the Harvard Law Journal's first Editor-in-Chief, President Barack Obama.

Armed with his ivy league training, Houston returned to Washington where he was admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1929. Beginning in the 1930s, Houston paved the way for the first special counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, beginning a two decade career as a civil rights litigator. Houston later joined Howard Law School's faculty and ultimately became Dean, establishing a long-standing relationship between Howard and Harvard law schools. While at Howard, he was a mentor to Thurgood Marshall, who argued Brown v. Board of Education and was later appointed to the Supreme Court.

Houston used his post at Howard to recruit talented students into the NAACP's legal efforts, among them Marshall and Oliver Hill, the first- and second-ranked students in the class of 1933, both of whom were drafted into organization's legal battles by Houston. By the mid-1930s, two separate anti-lynching bills backed by the NAACP had failed to gain passage, and the organization had won a landmark victory against restrictive housing covenants that excluded blacks from particular neighborhoods only to see the achievement undermined by subsequent legal precedents.

Houston struck upon the idea that unequal education was the Achilles heel of Jim Crow. By demonstrating the failure of states to even try to live up to the 1896 rule of "separate but equal," Houston hoped to finally overturn the Plessy v. Ferguson ruling that had given birth to that phrase.

His target was broad, but the evidence was numerous. Southern states collectively spent less than half of what was allotted for white students on education for blacks; there were even greater disparities in individual school districts. Black schools were equipped with castoff supplies from white ones and built with inferior materials. Black facilities appeared to be part of a crude segregationist satire—a design to make black education a contradiction in terms.

Houston designed a strategy of attacking segregation in law schools—forcing states to either create costly parallel law schools or integrate the existing ones. The strategy had hidden benefits: since law students were predominantly male, Houston sought to neutralize the age-old argument that allowing blacks to attend white institutions would lead to miscegenation, or "race-mixing". He also reasoned that judges deciding the cases might be

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more sympathetic to plaintiffs who were pursuing careers in law. Finally, by challenging segregation in graduate schools, the NAACP lawyers would bypass the inflammatory issue of miscegenation among young children.

The successful ruling handed down in the Brown decision was testament to the master strategy formulated by Houston. This strategy is often referred to as the Houstonian philosophy of social engineering, based upon his legendary saying "A lawyer's either a social engineer or he's a parasite on society." . . . A social engineer was a highly skilled, perceptive, sensitive lawyer who understood the Constitution of the United States and knew how to explore its uses in the solving of "problems of . . . local communities" and in "bettering conditions of the underprivileged citizens."

Houston's philosophy has left a lasting mark on Howard University School of Law as evidenced by the quantity and quality of its graduates, producing more Black lawyers than any other institution. Further, as outlined in the text of this resolution, Howard trained lawyers have excelled and climbed to some of the highest leadership positions in the world.

The first African-American to serve as a Member of Congress, John Mercer Langston, was also a member of the Howard University School of Law community. Today's Congress also includes a Member of the Howard University School of Law, namely Mr. MEEK of New York. U.S. Senator ROLAND BURRIS of Illinois, the only African-American in the other Chamber, is a 1963 graduate of Howard Law.

Howard University School of Law alumni also serve in a variety of staff posts throughout both houses of Congress. In my tenure, I've hired numerous Howard law alumni. Currently, both my Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel are both outstanding alumni of Howard University School of Law.

In my District, Howard University School of Law alumni have a distinguished legacy, particularly in the judiciary. Two Houston jurists exemplify the Howard University School of Law legacy. The Honorable Gabrielle Kirk McDonald graduated first in her class at Howard University Law School in 1966. Upon returning home to Houston, Judge McDonald practiced as a private lawyer until her appointment as a United States District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. At the age of 37, Judge McDonald made history by becoming the first African-American to be appointed to the federal judiciary of Texas. She was only the third African-American woman to be ever selected for the federal judiciary.

In 1993, Judge McDonald presided over the three-judge panel that heard the first criminal trial of that international court, sitting in a courtroom of the new Tribunal building in The Hague, Netherlands. By this service, Judge McDonald became one of the first United States judges to be involved in international courts, apart from the International Court of Justice and the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Before hearing the first case of the International Criminal Tribunal in Yugoslavia, Judge McDonald and her colleagues had to develop procedural rules for the Tribunal. She consulted with colleagues at Texas Southern University where she was a member of the adjunct faculty at that university's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Those consultations resulted in the preparation and adoption of the first procedural rules for the Tribunal.

Judge McDonald, so well regarded by her colleagues, was sent by the United Nations to Tanzania, in Africa, in the spring of 1997 to assist in the organizing efforts of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, established by the U.N. to hear cases involving genocide in that country.

In November 1997 she was elected President of both criminal tribunals, a position she held until her resignation from that position in 1999.

She now serves as one of three American judge/arbitrators on the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague, hearing claims by Iranian and U.S. citizens, and the respective governments of the two countries, that resulted from the take-over of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in November 1979 by Iranian militants and the holding of U.S. Embassy personnel as hostages.

The Honorable Hazel B. Jones of the 338th Texas District Court is a 1996 alumnae of Howard University School of Law. Born and reared in Houston, Texas, Judge Jones developed a sense of commitment to the Houston community by witnessing the examples of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Larnita Jones, who served as educators and administrators in North Forest ISD and Houston ISD, respectively, for more than thirty years.

Judge Jones attended Mary Brantly Smiley High School in North Forest Independent School District, where she was voted "Miss Smiley" and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Thereafter, Judge Jones received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a Texas Achievement Award Scholar and became a lifelong member of Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority, Inc.

After graduation, Judge Jones worked as a research assistant in the Hematology/Leukemia division of the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She prepared drug study experiments with cancer cells; she performed DNA extraction for amplification in polymerase chain reactions and isolation in gel electrophoresis. While Judge Jones found her work in cancer research extremely rewarding, she heeded a personal calling to pursue a career in law.

While attending Howard University Law School, in Washington, DC, Judge Jones worked at the Howard Law Criminal Justice Clinic, defending citizens charged with misdemeanors and representing prisoners in disciplinary hearings. During her summers as a law student, Judge Jones honed her legal skills by interning in the 151st Civil District Court, Harris County, TX and as intern for the Honorable Judge Vanessa Gilmore in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Since graduating from law school, Judge Jones Hazel Jones has been an active member of Houston's legal community. She served the Harris County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney from 1996–2003 obtaining extensive trial experience handling misdemeanor and felony cases in addition to handling juvenile and family violence cases. From 2003–2005, Judge Jones worked as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas; her primary focus was to pursue the federal government initiative of "Project Safe Neighborhoods" which focused

on the prosecution of armed felons and felons carrying firearms during drug trafficking crimes. In January of this year, Judge Jones was sworn in as a member of the local judiciary and we expect that her career will be no less stellar as that of her fellow alumna, Judge McDonald.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Howard University School of Law for its service to my District, to America, and to the world. For this reason, I strongly urge passage of this important Resolution.

#### SUPPORTING H.R. 2749, THE FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for reforming our food safety system. As a tireless advocate for consumers' rights, I have continually supported protecting our Nation's food supply. Over the last several years, our country has experienced food-borne illnesses stemming from E. coli in bagged spinach and a salmonella outbreak in peanut products. As the number of outbreaks rise, it's essential that we dramatically improve our food safety laws.

H.R. 2749, the Food Safety Enhancement Act, will take important and necessary steps to remove tainted food products from our food supply and improve accountability for large processing facilities. I strongly support provisions in this bill that grant the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, new authority to hold more frequent inspections of food processing facilities and the requirement that all food facilities register with the FDA annually. To better combat food-borne illnesses, H.R. 2749 will also enable the FDA to establish a food traceback system that will help public health officials identify the origin and path of food products when an outbreak occurs. Additionally, ensuring that imported foods are safe and that there are strong, flexible enforcement tools will restore Americans' confidence in the foods they purchase.

However, despite these bold and necessary improvements, I continue to believe that we need to do more to respect the unique needs of small and organic farmers in this legislation. This is why I ultimately voted against H.R. 2749.

Currently, organic farmers are required to adhere to strict traceability standards through the USDA's National Organic Program. The absence of specific guidance requiring FDA to harmonize new traceability standards with the National Organic Program will create potentially duplicative regulations and standards for organic farmers. The FDA's authority grew this year after Congress passed H.R. 1256, legislation I voted for, which enables the FDA to regulate tobacco products. After passing H.R. 2749, the FDA will also have expanded food safety authority. Without specific requirements included in this legislation, the FDA will not have the incentive or manpower to go above and beyond what is mandated in the law. We cannot overlook the requirements our organic farmers already follow as the FDA issues its traceability standards.

Additionally, I worry that the growth of the organics market could be constrained by fee

provisions in this bill. An increasing number of organic farmers sell to wholesalers as well as directly to consumers. This bill exempts farmers who sell their products directly to consumers from the annual fee, but not farmers who sell the majority of their products to wholesalers. By incentivizing organic producers to sell fewer than 51 percent of their products to wholesalers, we could be deterring organic farmers from branching out to new markets. This is not the time to be hindering the growth of organic farming by discouraging organic farmers from diversifying the markets where their products are sold.

This legislation also must take into account the relationship between the co-management of conservation and food safety. The use of animals for pest control is a crucial component of organic farming, and this bill would restrict farmers from maintaining their organic practices. Instead of regulating all animals, this legislation could investigate other alternatives, including focusing on animals that are at a high risk for passing on diseases, to take into account the needs of organic farmers. More should be done to encourage biodiversity and natural farming techniques that farmers have used to reduce their dependence on pesticides and herbicides.

Madam Speaker, food safety legislation must protect the health of consumers and respect the needs of family farms and sustainable producers. It is my hope that we can strengthen the provisions in H.R. 2749 affecting the unique needs of small and organic farmers when this bill is taken up in conference. I am encouraged by the work done to enhance the safety of our Nation's food supply, and look forward to continuing to improve this important legislation and our food delivery system.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
KASEY GERBER FOR WINNING  
THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE  
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Kasey Gerber showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Kasey Gerber was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Kasey Gerber always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kasey Gerber on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JUDGE ALDEN EDWARD DANNER UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a distinguished member of my community, the Honorable Alden Edward Danner, upon his retirement after more than 20 years of public service to the State of California and the people of Santa Clara County.

Throughout his career, Judge Danner has demonstrated public service values, adhering to the highest ethical standards, respecting the dignity and integrity of all people, and sought solutions while fostering open communication and mutual support for court clients, staff, members of the judicial branch, and justice system partners.

Judge Danner applied his expertise in the law and his commitment to the administration of justice and the independent, consistent, and impartial interpretation of the law through his participation as a member of the Judicial Council of California's Task Force on Probate and Mental Health, 1997–1998; Court Technology Advisory Committee, 1999–2005; Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, 2003–2004, and its Executive Committee, 2005–2006; and the Task Force on Judicial Campaign Finance, 2009; and as faculty for the Center for Judicial Education and Research's Probate and Mental Health Institute, 1997–1998; and Computer Training for Judges, 1993–1998.

The California judicial branch is fortunate to have benefited from Judge Danner's distinguished service as a jurist since his appointment to the Superior Court by Governor George Deukmejian in 1989 and his subsequent election by citizens of Santa Clara County.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Danner served our justice system with distinction, contributing to the resolution of legal issues for the people of Santa Clara County as an associate and partner in private law practice from 1966–1989. Judge Danner earned a Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School in 1965, after service in the U.S. Army from 1958–1962.

It is with great pleasure that I join in celebrating Judge Danner's life and many accomplishments. I thank him for his contributions to our region in California and to our Nation. On behalf of our community, I congratulate Judge Danner and wish him and his family well in his retirement and his future plans.

**TRIBUTE TO THE FAIRFIELD  
INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY**

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a vital program to the Greater Fairfield area, the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry at the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Church. The Food Pantry has assisted innumerable members of this community, and I would like to take the opportunity of their celebration of sixteen years of service to congratulate them on their lasting impact.

At the celebration on October 3, 2009, the Fairfield Community will recognize and honor Nancy Marcoux, the Interfaith Food Pantry Director, and Richard "Dick" Tompkins, the Co-Director since the beginning. The work that Nancy and Richard have done is truly amazing. The volunteer staff and the clients appreciate and respect both of these hardworking individuals. They are known to everyone in the Greater Fairfield area, and when someone is in need of assistance, they do not hesitate to call Nancy or Dick and know that their doors will open.

The Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry works with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources which oversees The Emergency Food Assistance Program, a federal initiative that provides commodities to about 260 voluntary feeding programs in Maine. The Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry also receives assistance from the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department, says community services officer John Matthews. Under the Sheriff's Department program, incarcerated inmates harvest potatoes and mixed vegetables on 8 acres of fields in Augusta and Benton. The program was started by Sheriff Randy Liberty and yields fresh produce for the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry and other food banks in Maine.

Today is an opportunity to thank Nancy Marcoux and Dick Tompkins for their dedication to this program. In Nancy's words, "you got to do what you got to do to exist."

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 720, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 441; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 721, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2971; "No" on rollcall vote No. 722, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3548.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall vote Nos. 710–719 and rollcall vote 730. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 713–716, 718, and 719. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 710–712, 717, and 730.

REMEMBERING LENETTE  
FREEMAN

## HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a dear friend to the community of Muncie, Indiana.

Lenette Freeman, known to all as a giving and determined woman, passed away following a five year battle with cancer. Though the pain of her passing is deeply felt, we will continue to be inspired by the life she led.

Lenette Freeman was born on October 29, 1958, in Evanston, Illinois to Leonard and Dolores Hartowicz. A graduate of Taft High School in Chicago, Lenette went on to receive her bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate from Northern Illinois University.

In 1987, Lenette moved to Muncie, where she would become an active leader and vital asset in this eastern Indiana Community. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Cross, the Rotary Club, the Muncie Endurathon, and co-founder of the youth Academy for Community Leadership. For 4 years, Lenette served as the executive director of the Muncie Children's Museum, a children's educational learning facility in the community.

When the City of Muncie authorized the creation of a Mayor's Youth Council in 2002, Lenette volunteered countless hours as a mentor to the young students on the founding Council and remained active in the years to follow. Her impact on the members of the Mayor's Youth Council, as well as the effect the Council had in the community, will be felt far into the future.

In 2004, Lenette was named director of the Cardinal Greenway. The Cardinal Greenway is a series of recreational trails spanning 27 miles throughout my district. Lenette was keenly aware of the benefits of these trails and advocated for its continued development. Her passion and dedication to the preservation and extension of the trails will forever be remembered by a grateful community.

Just one month after becoming Director of the Cardinal Greenway, Lenette was diagnosed with cancer. Rather than succumbing to feelings of self-pity and defeat, Lenette said her diagnosis was a "blessing in disguise" that resulted in a greater appreciation of people and deeper relationships with them. Despite her illness, Lenette was a determined fighter and continued her work with the Greenway, holding meetings in her home and working via teleconference when necessary.

Lenette's determination was evident not only in her work, but in her personal life. She was the proud mother of three boys, and she encouraged each of them to pursue their own individual talents and goals. Fondly referred to as her "cowboys," her boys were undoubtedly a major source of strength and inspiration in Lenette's fight against cancer.

Lenette will be sorely missed by her sons, her mother and three siblings, those fortunate enough to know her, as well as the entire Muncie Community.

We have lost an important figure in the Muncie community, but I know that Lenette's legacy will not soon be forgotten. Let us keep Lenette's three boys, family, and cherished friends in our prayers during this difficult time.

## "NATIONAL JOB CORPS DAY"

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
SABLANOF COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA  
ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2009*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 163, which designates September 23, 2009, as "National Job Corps Day." Across the nation, thousands of youth are participating in programs that bring positive change to their communities, to their peers, and to themselves. Job Corps volunteers earn money to support themselves and their families, work towards high school diplomas, improve their own literacy, learn valuable new job skills, and secure employment or military commissions.

But volunteers like the young people in Job Corps can affect members of their community in ways that can last a lifetime. When I was growing up in the Northern Mariana Islands, I strengthened my English skills by talking with and learning from Peace Corps volunteers. One of those Corps members gave me my first book of English Literature. These dedicated young volunteers, like the young people in Job Corps, make an enormous difference in the lives of so many. Even in places like the Northern Marianas, eight thousand miles away from Washington, their help is needed, and where they have been, their presence is still remembered and deeply appreciated.

I congratulate the Job Corps program on its 45th anniversary, and wish it many more to come. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA  
CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Town of Indian Shores, Florida, which I not only have the privilege to represent but also call my home, this week celebrates the 60th anniversary of the signing of its town charter.

Although I was not able to be there today as the House is in session, my friends and neighbors gathered at The Pub Restaurant to celebrate their 60 years of progress, development and success.

Indian Shores, first known as Indian Rocks Beach South Shore, is a small but beautiful island on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Its sandy white beaches and crystal clear water made it a favorite summer retreat dating back to the late 1800s. It was on September 16, 1949 that 42 registered voters and freeholders met at the Beach Park Restaurant, where The Pub is now located, to incorporate the Town of Indian Rocks Beach South Shore.

At that meeting, the residents of the newly established town elected their first town leaders: Edward Fitch Taylor as Mayor, Bernice Pitt as Town Clerk, Emory Boyd as Town Marshall, and as Aldermen: Mrs. E. Boyd, Harry Gooding, Russel West, H. Tinman, James

Roesler, Hubert Tipton, Estelle Harper, Pearl Cook, and Arthur Goble.

The town held a special referendum in July 1973 and voted to rename itself the Town of Indian Shores, as it is known today.

From the early leadership that established this beautiful beach haven, new leadership has led Indian Shores into this new century and into a thriving community. Mayor Jim Lawrence, Vice Mayor Joan Herndon, Councilor Steve Sutch, Councilor Bill Smith, and Councilor Carole Ireland are the town's elected leaders. They oversee a staff headed by Town Administrator Chief E. D. Williams, Town Clerk Marcia Grantham, Deputy Clerk Elaine Jackson, Building Official Larry Nayman, Administrative Assistant Joyce Ciccarello, Director of Finance Mary Karayianes, Public Service Supervisor Jim Jeeter, and Assistant to the Town Manager Bonnie Dhonau.

They govern a town of 1,800 permanent residents and 2,600 homes that swells to a town of 6,000 during the peak winter months. Although only 2.6 miles long, this town remains one of Florida's most beautiful beach communities. From its early history when legend has it that an elderly Indian Chief was brought to its shores to be healed by its special water, to its time as an Indian campsite, Indian Shores has grown and prospered yet retained its small town charm.

Madam Speaker, the Town's motto says it all—"Indian Shores—A Great Place to Live." I am proud to call Indian Shores my home and I join in celebrating its rich history and its bright and sunny future along Florida's most beautiful beaches.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE  
FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS

## HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, September 25th is the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. On this day, it is important for all of us to reflect on the terrible toll that violence takes on our communities, and for us to reflect on ways to reduce this violence. One type of homicide that is particularly disturbing is when the perpetrator is a partner of the victim. According to the Centers for Disease Control, on average, three women a day are murdered by their current or former husbands. That is three women a day who are killed by the very same man who took an oath to honor and protect them.

This number should be disturbing to all of us. We are not doing enough to keep women safe in their own homes, the very place where we should all find safety and comfort. Too many American women are finding danger, violence, and even death in their own homes.

One-third—yes, that's right—one-third, of all murdered females are killed by somebody they were in a relationship with. That is a staggering statistic. These women are not being killed by a stranger in a dark alley, they are being killed by people they trust, often in their own homes.

To bring attention to this issue, Congresswoman Edwards and I have introduced H. Res. 757, to support the goals and ideals of the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. It is my hope that this resolution

can help raise awareness about this epidemic of violence, and encourage all of us to realize just how prevalent this is in our communities. The time has come for us all to work together to end this violence.

#### HONORING THE VOLUNTEER WORK OF EMMA VALENTEEN

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Phoenixville, Pennsylvania woman who has dedicated her life to making a difference in her community and lending a helping hand to neighbors in need.

Emma Valenteen moved to Phoenixville as a teenager in 1948 and has called the Borough home ever since. Her tremendous work ethic allowed her to juggle the demands of raising five children while working for 44 years at Container Corp. of America. Somehow, Emma still found plenty of energy to work even harder in her community. After losing her youngest daughter, Marianne, to leukemia, Emma joined the Valley Forge Chapter of the support group Compassionate Friends. By 1991, she started a Phoenixville chapter and has spent 18 years as chairwoman of the group.

For more than a quarter century, Emma has been the Recording Secretary of the Social Concerns Committee of the Phoenixville Interfaith Council. Her commitment to the community and dedicated volunteerism earned Emma numerous awards through the years. However, it has been the organizations and the entire community who have been the true winners thanks to Emma's extraordinary efforts.

Friends, family and community members will express their gratitude for Emma's service and recognize all of her accomplishments during a dinner on September 30, 2009 at Robert Ryan's Columbia Station.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Emma Valenteen for her selfless service and tireless work to make Phoenixville a great place to live, work and raise a family.

#### H.R. 3548, THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. And, I want to commend my colleague Representative McDERMOTT for his leadership on this issue.

The financial and economic collapse last year put this country in the worst economic recession since the 1930s.

And while we have seen signs that the economy is stabilizing, millions of Americans and their families continue to struggle.

Struggle to pay their monthly rent or mortgage.

Struggle to pay for their prescriptions.

Struggle to pay for food and other of life's basic necessities. . . .

H.R. 3548 will assist workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own and who continue to look for work in states with high unemployment.

Ohio is one of those states . . . the current jobless rate in Ohio is 10.8 percent.

It is estimated that 11,642 Ohioans will run out of unemployment compensation by the end of the month and 64,545 will exhaust their benefits by the end of the year. H.R. 3548 will extend benefits for these workers whose safety net is running out.

There are 5 million Americans who have been searching for work for longer than 6 months.

And unfortunately, when it comes to getting back to work, prospects are dim. There are 6 unemployed workers for every available job in the U.S.

These figures and the severity of the economic recession make it critical for Congress to extend unemployment benefits.

We must help our workers, families, neighbors and communities weather these tough economic times.

We must continue to provide the financial assistance needed to help cushion the impact of the recession.

I urge a "yes" vote on H.R. 3548.

#### RECOGNIZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. PEDRO DEVORA

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Pedro Devora, whose barbershop business recently celebrated 50 years of operations in downtown Floresville, Texas.

Pedro Devora was born on May 22, 1926 and raised in Tordio, Texas where he attended school until the third grade. Mr. Devora worked in the area until he joined the U.S. Navy on October 1, 1944 to serve his country. While in the Navy, he served during the invasion of Okinawa that began on April 1, 1945. During that mission, his ship was hit in battle. Mr. Devora would survive a night in the water until he was rescued the following morning. During his time in the Navy, his hard work ethic gained him several promotions from his superiors. In fact, in less than a week he went from working in the laundry section to becoming an assistant supervisor, and later supervisor. In 1946, Mr. Devora returned to the United States and received an honorable discharge.

Following his time in the Navy, he returned home to Tordio and within a year he decided to attend Barber School. While in attendance, Mr. Devora married his sweetheart, Maria Flores on November 3, 1947. In 1948, Mr. Devora received his Barber's License and began work in Floresville, Texas.

Since returning from the Navy, he has been active in several political races, such as those of Lyndon Baines Johnson, Harry Truman, Gus Garcia, Carlos Cadena, Judge Mike Machado, Congressman Chick Kazen, Albert Pena, Judge Esquivel, Pete Tijerina, and almost every Democratic President since 1946.

On August 12th, 1959, he opened a barber-shop with his longtime friend Raymond Lucio. Mr. Devora and Mr. Lucio spent over 49 years as coworkers until Mr. Lucio's passing. The business remains in operation to this day and remains a pillar of the Floresville community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize the many accomplishments and service of Mr. Pedro Devora, and I thank you for this time.

#### 2009 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EM- PLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my local police department, the Santa Ana Police Department, on receiving the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

Each year, the United States gives this distinguished award to large businesses, small businesses, and public service employers who provide outstanding support to employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Last week, Chief Paul Walters of the Santa Ana Police Department had the pleasure of being congratulated by President Obama and Secretary Gates at the White House after a reception and ceremony hosted by Dr. Jill Biden.

The Orange County community is incredibly proud of the Santa Ana Police Department. They have worked hard to create a positive work environment for our National Guard and Reserve members, and we are so grateful that they protect us each and every day.

I want to personally thank the Chief and the police department for their efforts and congratulate them once again for receiving the 2009 Freedom Award.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed four votes under suspension of the Rules on September 9, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the following four bills: H. Res. 447, H.R. 2097, H.R. 2498, and H. Res. 722.

#### NATIONAL JOB CORPS DAY

SPEECH OF

### HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 163, to support the designation of September 23, 2009, as National Job Corps Day.

Since 1964, Job Corps has trained young adults for meaningful careers, improving their

lives through vocational and academic training.

Each year, Job Corps serves over 60,000 young people and nearly three million Americans have benefited from this service over the past 45 years.

Job Corps is considered the Nation's largest and most successful high school dropout recovery and youth empowerment program.

To celebrate Job Corps' 45th anniversary, I am hosting Sean Barnett in my office on September 23rd.

Sean was one of 60 students selected nationwide to shadow Members of Congress for the day.

Sean is currently an Advanced Career Training (ACT) student at the Cleveland Job Corps Academy. He is majoring in business and hopes to become an investment banker.

Sean has held several important student leader positions including Floor Leader in his dorm, Sergeant at Arms of the Student Government Association, Proctor, and Treasurer of the Student Government.

It is an honor to host a current Job Corps student and to designate the day that Sean Barnett interned in my office as National Job Corps Day. I wish Sean the best of luck and congratulate him for his involvement with Job Corps.

IN RECOGNITION OF MELVIN J. LARSON'S 54 YEARS OF SERVICE TO UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF WILL COUNTY

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melvin J. Larson for his fifty-four years of service as a board member and founder of United Cerebral Palsy of Will County, now known as United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois Prairieland.

Melvin Larson's life has been one of service to others. He has said, "To make life a little easier for someone, I hope I can make some contribution to that end." That is exactly what he did. He moved to Joliet, Illinois in 1954 where he became the head of Joliet Junior College's (JJC) Department of Physical Science. Upon retirement in 1975 from a successful career at JJC, he began a quest to help others.

Melvin Larson formed the first Will County chapter of the United Cerebral Palsy organization, with a vision to provide an education to children with disabilities. The organization began with just six families, but quickly grew to 35. It was not long before they outgrew their single room in the former Rehn School and began utilizing an entire grade school building. Thousands of children have benefited from the school throughout the years, and today more than 60 children are currently enrolled.

The dedication, service, and commitment exhibited by Melvin Larson throughout his life merit recognition and should be showcased as an example for selflessness unto others. That is why today we must honor Mel's vision to provide an education to children with disabilities.

HONORING THE NEW HAVEN ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching our community through community service.

In its fifty year history, the New Haven Alumnae Chapter has focused its attention on the changing and diverse needs of our community. Their mission has been to actively engage the community—particularly young people—in public service. Their goals are rooted in the understanding that our communities thrive when every member contribute to its success. Since its inception, this outstanding organization has awarded over \$250,000 in college scholarships; has developed and implemented multiple programs benefiting our youth including Delta Academy and the GEMS mentoring program; Project S.E.E. (Science and Everyday Experiences) workshops; as well as their signature "18 and Registered" voter registration campaign. With each of the programs offered, the New Haven Alumnae Chapter is opening the doors of opportunity to our community's young people.

The membership of the New Haven Alumnae Chapter includes some of our community's most prominent community advocates—many of whom dedicate both their professional and personal lives to public service. These women stand as role models for every member of our community, but particularly for our young people. They inspire us with their deep commitment to community and compassion for others. Our communities would not be the same without organizations such as the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Their efforts make it a better place to live, learn, and grow.

It is with great pleasure that I stand today to recognize the invaluable contributions the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority have made to our community and to extend my heartfelt congratulations on their 50th Anniversary. They have made a real difference in our community and I wish them all the best for many more years of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, on September 23, 2009, I was absent for rollcall vote 730 because of important committee business. If I had been present, I would have voted "nay."

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF BEARD'S 30 YEARS OF BRAVE AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES OF KANKAKEE AND BOURBONNAIS

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, this month marks Chief Joe Beard's 30 years of brave and selfless service to citizens of Kankakee and Bourbonnais, Illinois. Today, I join these communities in thanking Joe for his dedication and outstanding commitment.

Joe did not grow up dreaming about being a police officer. But in the midst of studying to become a history teacher, Joe felt the calling to enter law enforcement. After receiving a law enforcement administration degree from Western Illinois University, he was hired by the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department, where he served for several years before briefly pursuing a real estate career. But soon Joe was back fighting to protect Illinoisans. And in 1979, at the age of 27, Joe was named Police Chief of Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Whether it was responding to a massive train wreck on a spring night ten years ago that left eleven dead, 122 injured, and a pile-up of twisted steel and train cars in its wake across the Illinois prairie, or responding to a routine traffic stop, Chief Beard has exhibited tremendous courage and selflessness. During Joe's tenure as Chief, the police department has doubled, expanding personnel to answer new challenges and better serve citizens. Chief Beard, along with the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group (KAMEG), has been a leader in fighting drug crime.

Those like Chief Joe Beard keep our communities safe and provide families piece of mind to enjoy their lives. We all owe a profound debt to Joe Beard. On behalf of the entire 11th Congressional District, I thank Joe as he continues to serve the people of Bourbonnais.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR IRINA BOKOVA OF BULGARIA

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Irina Bokova, Bulgaria's Ambassador to France, was elected the director general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). As the first female director of UNESCO, Ambassador Bokova brings her diplomatic and cultural knowledge as a former foreign minister of Bulgaria and her work in helping to bring Bulgaria into the European Union and the North American Treaty Organization (NATO).

As co-chair of the Congressional Bulgaria Caucus, I want to congratulate the people of Bulgaria and Ambassador Bokova for her success. Having visited Bulgaria first as an International Republican Institute election observer in June 1990 and since, I have seen firsthand this young democracy emerge from

the oppression of Communism to being one of the most dynamic democracies of Europe. On my multiple visits over the years to Bulgaria, I have always been inspired by the extraordinary people who have overcome totalitarianism for liberty and freedom. Bulgaria is a cherished partner of America, and we want the best for this nation of historic treasures.

HONORING CHESTER HUGHES, JR.

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Illustrious Potentate of the Oman Temple No. 72, Chester Hughes, Jr. Chester will be feted at the 53rd Annual Potentate Ball to be held in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, on Saturday, October 3rd.

Chester Hughes received his B.S. degree from Jackson State University and his M.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University. He has taught at schools in Mississippi and Michigan, retiring from Beecher Community Schools in 2003 with 37 years of service. He served as the Regional Director of Amicus II during 2006–2007 and works part time at Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home. He is also the CEO of the Hughes Educational Leadership Institute and a PrePaid Legal Insurance Associate/Distributor.

Chester is affiliated with many community organizations and has received numerous awards from the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Central Optimist Club, the Flint Inner City Lions Club, the Flint Pan-Hellenic Club, the Urban League of Flint, and the Beecher School System. He has held several positions with the Oman Temple No. 72 and the Masonic Order. The 33 degree was conferred on him on May 26, 2008. Chester and his wife Myra have 2 children, DeWana Denise Hughes-McCarty and Chelonde Nichelle Hughes.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to applaud the life and work of Chester Hughes, Jr. I congratulate him on his elevation to Illustrious Potentate and may he continue to serve the community for many, many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF RICK DANIELS FOR HIS EFFORTS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF SAVANNA ZIRBEL

### HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, Rick Daniels of Kankakee, Illinois would tell you he is not a hero, but on Friday, July 3, 2009, he did something heroic.

Rick Daniels conducts himself not unlike the many great citizens of Illinois' 11th Congressional District. He is a normal guy. On July 3rd, he saw a neighbor in trouble. Although he is not a trained paramedic, he saw that 20-month old Savanna Zirbel was seriously injured from a mowing accident and sprang to action. Rick Daniels administered lifesaving first aid until paramedics arrived.

Some in this situation may have been scared to help, but Rick did not hesitate to assist. He focused on what might have happened if he had chosen to simply be an observer. The consequences were life and death. Savanna Zirbel is alive because of Rick Daniel rose to the occasion.

America's history has been one of ordinary individuals doing extraordinary things. Rick Daniels reminds us that we are capable of doing heroic things. On behalf of the entire 11th Congressional District, we thank Rick Daniels for his amazing efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER DALLAS

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Apartment Association of Greater Dallas (AAGD).

Founded in 1959 by a small group of dedicated professionals, the Apartment Owners Association of Dallas sought to establish a communication forum to share information and foster professionalism for the growing multi-family industry. Since then the organization has grown to over 1,000 members, representing members across 11 counties in North Texas and over 35 municipalities. Members of AAGD are wholeheartedly committed to providing quality and affordable housing for all apartment residents. They are also responsible for managing over 1,890 properties representing 435,000 rental units, which consists of more than 90 percent of the apartments and rental homes in the Dallas area.

As the nation's largest member based local apartment association, they are specifically devoted to the advancement of its members within the apartment industry ranging from legislative representation to education and certification programs to community service projects as well as a wide range of communication tools. Also functioning as a trade association, AAGD is dedicated to upholding and promoting the highest professional standards in the apartment industry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in celebrating AAGD's 50th anniversary. Congratulations to AAGD on fifty years of dedicated service to the multifamily industry! I know their hard work and commitment to quality and affording living has benefited the many residents of apartment homes managed by AAGD members.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE SERGEANT TIMOTHY SMITH OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA

### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Timothy Smith of South Lake Tahoe, CA, who was killed in the line of duty

on April 7, 2007. Tim is survived by his wife Shayna Richard-Smith, their son Riley, his parents, Patricia and Michael, his brother Tom, and his sister Jackie.

Tim graduated from South Tahoe High School in 2001 and joined the Army in April 2004. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor, his warmth, and his great courage. Senator HARRY REID, on the floor of the United States Senate, called Tim Smith "a hero—a real-life American hero—who gave his life so that others might be safe."

Timothy Smith gave the ultimate sacrifice, may we never forget.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ERIN METZGER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Erin Metzger showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Erin Metzger was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Erin Metzger always displayed sportsmanship on and off the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Erin Metzger on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING GENE TUNNEY

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the life of Gene Tunney, who served as Sonoma County District Attorney for 20 years. Mr. Tunney passed away August 9, 2009, with his family at his side.

Born in New York City in 1931, Mr. Tunney was the son of the famous heavyweight boxing champion James Joseph "Gene" Tunney and brother of California Congressman and Senator John Tunney. After a stint in the Army, he moved to the Bay Area where he enrolled in law school in San Francisco. In 1971, he began his first job in Sonoma County as a Deputy Public Defender. A few years later he ran for District Attorney, narrowly winning the race. He served in that office for five more terms, from 1974 to 1994.

Mr. Tunney is credited with modernizing and professionalizing the District Attorney's office, guiding its transition in an era of increasingly urban types of crime. He placed restrictions on plea bargains and reviewed all felony cases while becoming an advocate for victims of crime. He was highly regarded for his sense of justice and for bringing changes to offices around the state after co-founding the California District Attorney's Association.



Married 49 years ago, Mr. Tunney enjoyed spending time with his wife Ann and their family. After retirement, the couple lived for a decade in Hawaii where they pursued their mutual hobby, flying small planes, as well as traveling, swimming, and reading. They later moved to Tiburon in Marin County, California.

Mr. Tunney is survived by his children Alexandra Kelly, Megan Tunney, Erin MacLeon, and Gene Tunney as well as seven grandchildren and brothers John and Jay.

Madam Speaker, we are proud to honor Gene Tunney's contributions to our community and know that, with many of his Deputy District Attorneys serving on the bench, his legacy of high standards and fairness to victims will continue in Sonoma County.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF LANCE CORPORAL BRAD  
SHUDER OF EL DORADO HILLS,  
CA**

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Lance Corporal Brad Shuder of El Dorado Hills, CA, who was killed in action on April 12, 2004 while serving his country in Iraq. Lance Corporal Shuder graduated from Oakridge High School in El Dorado Hills. The day he graduated, Brad enlisted in the Marine Corps. He is survived by his parents, Glenn and Rose, and his younger sister, Chelsey.

I cannot begin to comprehend the tragedy of losing such a loving and courageous young man and I cannot soothe that pain with my words. All I can do is say thank you for Brad's sacrifice. Brad's cousin, Reverend Michael Bugarin, officiated the funeral service and delivered the following words: "Brad did something extraordinary. He was willing to sacrifice his life for me and you." May we never forget the sacrifices that the sons and daughters of our great country have made.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
BROOKE SEAL FOR WINNING THE  
GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFT-  
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Brooke Seal showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Brooke Seal was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Brooke Seal always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Brooke Seal on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

**HONORING KCRB'S 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor a local public broadcaster, KRCB in Sonoma County, California. KRCB is celebrating 25 years of service to our local communities.

Nancy Dobbs, President and CEO, has been the guiding force behind KRCB from the beginning. She notes that it is a rare opportunity to build such a public institution. "When we started in January, 1981," she says, "we had to argue for the license before the FCC, find land on which to build our offices and studios, raise money for a station that did not yet exist, and convince the community about the importance of our own public broadcasting service."

Fortunately for all of us, the effort was successful. Today, we cannot imagine what Sonoma County would be like without KRCB, which provides PBS television, NPR radio, and local programming. It is the only PBS service available to more than a quarter of a million residents.

Working with nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies, KRCB has led community dialogues on health care, the environment, and disability awareness, to name just a few. The station has been awarded three Emmys for its national environmental series National Heroes, has been honored by the California Teachers' Association for its North Bay Report, and has received honors for local election coverage, provided consistently for the past 17 years. KRCB also provides air time to celebrate local cultural events, such as the full season of the acclaimed Santa Rosa Symphony, which would otherwise be unavailable.

According to Dobbs, "It was clear from the beginning that KRCB's mission was to utilize the public airwaves of which we are stewards to strengthen the communities we serve. Public broadcasting is a critically important tool with which to stimulate community dialogue and engagement, central elements of a healthy democracy."

Madam Speaker, we congratulate KRCB Television and Radio on its 25 years of service. It is indeed a treasure of Northern California.

**CONGRATULATING CARMEN  
AMBROSINO, RECIPIENT OF THE  
2009 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD FROM THE ITALIAN  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
LUZERNE COUNTY**

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. Kanjorski. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Carmen Ambrosino, Chief Executive Officer of the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Serv-

ices, Inc., who has been selected by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County to receive its prestigious 2009 "Lifetime Achievement Award."

A 1966 graduate of Exeter High School, Mr. Ambrosino received his bachelor's degree in English from King's College in 1970. He obtained a master's degree in Health Administration from Wilkes University in 1986. He is currently a Certified Addictions Counselor of Diplomate (CAC) and Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1970 to 1976. He has been employed by the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc., since June, 1973 and became Chief Executive Officer in 1974.

During Mr. Ambrosino's career, he has had many accomplishments. Through his marketing, publishing and consulting firm, Rainbow Educational Productions, he has authored six nationally circulated publications for young people. He also produced a motivational video entitled, "Unleash Your Human Dynamo."

In education, Mr. Ambrosino developed the "Student Assisting Students," program at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, which is designed to establish peer intervention and referral to assist impaired college level students. He also developed a course on chemical dependency for Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania which was adopted by national colleges and universities as a chemical dependency model program to be used in sociology departments.

Mr. Ambrosino also developed a "Drug free Community Festival" in Wilkes-Barre that attracted 100,000 people annually for a celebration of drug-free living. He has also served as an international consultant for the Dominican Republic and he visited South Africa as a "People to People" delegate representing the United States on an educational mission regarding drug and alcohol issues. He is a charter member of the National Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates.

Mr. Ambrosino has also received numerous civic and community awards and recognitions. He was selected as the Outstanding Young Pennsylvanian in 1979 by the statewide Jaycees for his contributions to the community. He was inducted into the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, Philadelphia, for contributions to community. He received the Ronald J. Russo Community Service Award for distinguished service in public service in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties; the Commitment to Youth Award from the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center; special awards from Wilkes University, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus and the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Wilkes-Barre Rotary.

A son of Rose Ambrosino and the late Carmen Ambrosino, he is married to the former Bernice Szumski. The couple has one son, Carmen Jr. and two grandsons.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Ambrosino on this auspicious occasion. Mr. Ambrosino's work in the field of substance abuse has rescued countless people from the ravages of addiction and has illuminated the path to sobriety for countless others as well. And, for that, he has earned the respect and admiration of a grateful community.



A PROCLAMATION HONORING EMMY HENSEL FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Emmy Hensel showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Emmy Hensel was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Emmy Hensel always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Emmy Hensel on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO PORTUGAL FOR ACCEPTING TWO DETAINEES RELEASED FROM GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution expressing appreciation to the nation of Portugal for accepting two detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. These two Syrian men had been cleared by the federal government for release but were unable to be sent to their home country, in compliance with international human rights law.

The United States has been working with other countries to effect a safe and efficient process for resettling detainees cleared of wrongdoing and scheduled for release. This is a complicated and difficult process but has resulted in approximately 15 resettled detainees since President Obama took office. Two of those went to Portugal. Dozens more have been cleared for release but have not yet been transferred to a third-party nation.

In December 2008, Portuguese Foreign Minister Luis Amado announced in a public letter to European officials that Portugal was ready to assist the United States in resettling released detainees. In doing so, Portugal became the first nation to publicly state its willingness to take Guantanamo detainees who were not its own nationals. In August 2009, Portugal accepted the two Syrian released detainees and provided homes for them to live freely.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate Portugal—our friend and ally—assisting us in the effort to resolve the complex problem of resettling detainees cleared for release. The fact of the matter is that the Bush administration's reckless approach to establishing an extrajudicial system at Guantanamo has left us grappling with how to humanely and effectively resettle detainees who pose no threat to our national security. To

that end we owe the people of Portugal sincere thanks for taking on the responsibility of ensuring the rights and well-being of these two resettled detainees, who have been cleared of any wrongdoing. Portugal and the United States have set a positive example for the safe, efficient, and humane process of resettling former detainees.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CARLY CLARK FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Carly Clark showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Carly Clark was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Carly Clark always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Carly Clark on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, during the vote on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2918, Fiscal Year 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations, (Rollcall 734), I mistakenly voted "yea" but I meant to vote "nay."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KRISTEN SMITH FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Kristen Smith showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and Whereas, Kristen Smith was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Kristen Smith always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kristen Smith on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING SFC SHAWN PATRICK MCCLOSKEY

### HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen American patriot.

Thousands of my constituents in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District lined the streets of Peachtree City, GA, this week, waving American flags, to honor the late SFC Shawn Patrick McCloskey. The sergeant, returning home to his final resting place, died while serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

Sergeant McCloskey, 33, suffered fatal injuries after he was hit by a roadside bomb Sept. 15 while on patrol in Ghur Ghuri. SFC Bradley Bohle of Maryland and SSG Joshua Mills of Texas also died in the attack.

Before joining the service, Sergeant McCloskey worked for a construction company in Fayette County. Like many of his fellow soldiers, he was a regular American, going to work every day and providing for his family when he decided to join the military in 2002. At a time of great anguish for our Nation, he heard the call to duty and he answered it.

After Special Forces training, Sergeant McCloskey became a Green Beret and performed intelligence work in Colombia. When he died, he was serving his third tour in the Global War on Terror. His meritorious service won him many medals and awards, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the National Defense Service Medal.

Our Nation mourns the loss of each soldier sacrificed on the battlefield. But there is no tribute we can give that eases the pain of the Gold Star families. Sergeant McCloskey is survived by his wife Jessica and two children, Katie and Collin, and also his parents Patrick and Kathryn McCloskey of Fayetteville.

Today, we remember and grieve this great American hero, SFC Shawn McCloskey. He died so that we, his fellow Americans, could continue to live in freedom.

We thank the McCloskey family for their gift to us. May God bless them during their hour of greatest need.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MRCC)

### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce, MRCC, for their devotion to their community for 85 years. The MRCC is a not-for-profit organization that provides resources for businesses to help them develop and grow. Their continuing efforts have helped make Marlborough a better place to live, work and raise a family.

The MRCC has continued to reach their goal of creating a better community with their strong leadership and dedication to the town. Throughout the years, the MRCC has presented gifts for the town, awarded scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and

participated vigorously in public discussions about improvements to the city. Their successful events, such as the Heritage Festival and The Annual Steak and Lobster Cookout, have brought the community together. They bring great pride and joy to the town and get people involved.

The Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its founding at an event being held September 25, 2009. The theme of the event is based on Marlborough's history in the shoe industry. Throughout the night, videos, vintage pictures and newspapers will be on display. Also during the event, several local businesses will be acknowledged for their support since the 1920s.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce for 85 years of service, and to wish them continued success.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING AUBREY BURNWORTH FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Aubrey Burnworth on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on rollcall vote No. 723, on agreeing to H. Res. 723; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 724, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 765; "No" on rollcall vote No. 725, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2215; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 726, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3614; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 727, on motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 324; "No" on rollcall vote No. 728, on passage of H.R. 324; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 729, on passage of H. Res. 696; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 730, on motion to adjourn "No" on rollcall vote No. 731, on motion to suspend the rules

and agree to H.R. 3617; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 732, motion to adjourn; "No" on rollcall vote No. 733, on ordering the previous question; "Yes" on rollcall vote No. 734, on motion to Instruct Conferees for H.R. 2918.

**SERVICES FOR ENDING LONG-TERM HOMELESSNESS ACT OF 2009**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act of 2009. The reality is that more than a half million Americans do not have a place to call home each night, and half of them are without shelter. This bill will alleviate the wide-spread problem of chronic homelessness across the country.

According to the Department of Children and Families' most recent report, there are 85,907 persons homeless on any given day. At least 2 million people find themselves homeless at some point each year in our country. There isn't nearly enough shelter for these individuals. In 2007, my home state of Florida alone had 48,000 homeless people, with 14,900 of them families and 7,691 of them chronic cases.

Recently, I heard the story of a 25-year-old mother of three in my district, who was running out of options—staying at a hotel in Palm Beach County after fleeing domestic violence in Miami. As she was running out of money, this brave young woman and her young children soon would be homeless. But, they were one of the lucky ones. She was referred to The Lord's Place residence for homeless families, where she now lives with her children. As a leader in my district for chronic homelessness solutions, the Lord's Place is a perfect example of the types of establishments that would benefit immensely from this legislation. In this survivor's words: "I am here. I am working. I am breathing. And I am grateful."

Throughout our country, over 100,000 people have nowhere to call home for years on end. These are the long-term homeless, who all too often also confront mental illness, substance addiction, life-threatening illness or other serious health problems. The good news is: this bill presents us with an opportunity to put an end to this national crisis that hits home for all of us.

In 2003, the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health recommended the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan designed to create 150,000 units of permanent supportive housing for consumers and families who are chronically homeless. Affordable housing alone can't meet the needs for many people with severe mental illness. This bill will establish funding for supportive housing, affordable housing linked to accessible mental health, substance addiction, unemployment, and other support services as necessary. Permanent supportive housing is cost-effective, and is the soundest available investment of public and private resources to end long-term homelessness.

Current programs for funding services in permanent supportive housing, other than

those administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, were not designed to be closely coordinated with housing resources, nor were they designed to meet the multiple needs of people who are chronically homeless. This bill will establish a comprehensive grant program to provide supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families that they so badly need. Support services will include mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, referrals for medical and dental care, health education, and services designed to help individuals make progress toward self-sufficiency and recovery. Permanent supportive housing can help the chronically homeless stay off the streets, out of hospitals and jails, and ultimately help them achieve the stability they need to lead healthy lives as productive members of their communities.

Madam Speaker, it is time we take a stand to put an end to long-term homelessness in America. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to support a proven and cost-effective solution to ending chronic homelessness.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING ANNE DREHER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Anne Dreher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Anne Dreher was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Anne Dreher always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Anne Dreher on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

**HONORING WILLIAM McDANIEL**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William McDaniel. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1040, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, William has earned the Ad Altare Dei emblem, recognizing his development and growth into a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. William has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. William built a delivery ramp for the Grace United

Church soup kitchen, allowing them greater ease in their deliveries and increasing their effectiveness in providing for their community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William McDaniel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
JUDGE JAMES E. MIES

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Judge James E. Mies, a retired Wayne Circuit Court judge, who passed away Monday at the age of 81.

For almost 25 years, Judge Mies pursued truth and impartiality behind the bench and was well-regarded both as a lawyer and a judge. Judge Mies was a 1951 graduate of the University of Detroit law school and served in the Livonia law firm of Brashear and Brashear. In 1969, he was elected a district judge in Livonia. In 1981, Governor William Milliken named Judge Mies to the Wayne Circuit Court, where he served until his retirement in 1993.

Judge Mies was perhaps best known for his handling of Wayne County's numerous asbestos lawsuits. Colleagues remembered him as, first and foremost, a decent man whose rulings were meticulously thought out. Outside the courtroom, Judge Mies was active in the Optimists, the Michigan Cancer Foundation and other civic organizations and in 1993, the Livonia City Council named a park in his honor.

On September 21, 2009, Judge Mies passed away after a lengthy illness. A beloved husband and father, he is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Patricia, his sons Edward, James, Gerald and Michael, his daughters Jean and Catherine (Diamond), as well as thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his son Thomas. The citizens of Wayne County were privileged to have been served by this erudite judge for a quarter of a century.

Madam Speaker, Judge Mies is remembered as a philanthropist, mentor, and friend. As we bid him farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring the contributions he made to society.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BUD  
WEISGARBER FOR WINNING THE  
GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFT-  
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Bud Weisgarber showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Bud Weisgarber was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Bud Weisgarber always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Bud Weisgarber on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
BERMUDA FOR ACCEPTING FOUR  
DETAINEES RELEASED FROM  
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution expressing appreciation to the nation of Bermuda for accepting four detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. These four men—Chinese Uighurs—had been cleared by the federal government for release but were unable to be sent to their home country of China, for fear for their safety and in compliance with international human rights law.

The United States has been working with other countries to effect a safe and efficient process for resettling detainees cleared of wrongdoing and scheduled for release. This is a complicated and difficult process but has resulted in approximately 15 resettled detainees since President Obama took office. Four of those went to Bermuda. Dozens more have been cleared for release but have not yet been transferred to a third-party nation.

In a May 2009, visit to the White House, Premier Ewart Brown of Bermuda generously offered to assist the United States in relocating released detainees from the detention facility at Guantanamo. One month later the four Uighurs were transported to Bermuda, where they currently receive government assistance to integrate into the surrounding community, including work at a local golf course.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate Bermuda—our friend and ally—assisting us in the effort to resolve the complex problem of resettling detainees cleared for release. The fact of the matter is that the Bush administration's reckless approach to establishing an extrajudicial system at Guantanamo has left us grappling with how to humanely and effectively resettle detainees who pose no threat to our national security. To that end we owe the people of Bermuda sincere thanks for taking on the responsibility of ensuring the rights and well-being of these four released detainees, who have been cleared of any wrongdoing. Bermuda and the United States have set a positive example for the safe, efficient, and humane process of releasing former detainees.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM  
ANZALONE, ESQ., RECIPIENT OF  
THE 2009 PERSON OF THE YEAR  
AWARD FROM THE ITALIAN  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
LUZERNE COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. William Anzalone, Esq., on the occasion of his selection by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to receive its prestigious 2009 "Person of the Year" award.

Mr. Anzalone is a 1969 graduate of Wyoming Area High School. He received his undergraduate degree from Temple University where he also distinguished himself as a member of the university football team. He earned his law degree from Dickinson School of Law. In 1998, he was inducted into the Wyoming Area "Ring of Pride" and, in 2005, he was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Anzalone owns Anzalone Law Offices in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. He is associated in practice with his son, Attorney Jamie Joseph Anzalone; his daughter, Attorney Alana Marie Anzalone and Attorney Eric William Wassel.

Attorney Anzalone is the former president and founder of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, an association that encompasses 12 counties of northeastern Pennsylvania. He also served a two-year term as the president of the Luzerne County Bar Association. He was also the founder and first president of the Luzerne County Bar Association's charitable foundation. He currently serves on the board of governors for the statewide Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Attorney Anzalone is a mediator for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and is a certified trial master in Luzerne County. He frequently lectures throughout the Commonwealth on trial-related matters.

Attorney Anzalone was recognized as a pre-eminent lawyer by the Martindale Hubble Bar Register and was recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer since its inception in 2004. He was also recognized in 2007 and 2009 as being among the top 100 Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania.

Attorney Anzalone is a past president of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of UNICO. He chaired their annual Allstate Football games many times and currently serves on the board of directors of the Luzerne County Catholic Social Services, FM Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Wilkes-Barre Chapter of UNICO and the Luzerne County Bar Association's Charitable Foundation. He previously served on the board of directors for the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, Lackawanna County Junior College, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and Wilkes-Barre Leadership. He is a 2006 recipient of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Swingle Award.

Married to the former Tina Medico, the couple has three children: Attorney Jamie Joseph Anzalone, Attorney Alana Marie Anzalone and

Dr. William F. Anzalone, director of forensic psychology of Luzerne County.

#### HONORING GENE TUNNEY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the life of Gene Tunney who served as Sonoma County District Attorney for 20 years. Mr. Tunney passed away August 9, 2009, with his family at his side.

Born in New York City in 1931, Mr. Tunney was the son of the famous heavyweight boxing champion James Joseph "Gene" Tunney and brother of California Congressman and Senator John Tunney. After serving in the Army, he moved to the Bay Area where he enrolled in law school in San Francisco. In 1971, he began his first job in Sonoma County as a Deputy Public Defender. A few years later he ran for District Attorney, narrowly winning the race. He served in that office for five more terms, from 1974 to 1994.

Mr. Tunney is credited with modernizing and professionalizing the District Attorney's office, guiding its transition in an era of increasingly urban types of crime. He placed restrictions on plea bargains and reviewed all felony cases while becoming an advocate for victims of crime. He was highly regarded for his sense of justice and for bringing changes to offices around the state after co-founding the California District Attorney's Association.

Married 49 years ago, Mr. Tunney enjoyed spending time with his wife Ann and their family. After retirement, the couple lived in Hawaii for a decade where they pursued their mutual hobby, flying small planes, as well as traveling, swimming, and reading. They later moved to Tiburon in Marin County, California.

Mr. Tunney is survived by his children Alexandra Kelly, Megan Tunney, Erin MacLeon, and Gene Tunney as well as seven grandchildren and brothers John and Jay.

Madam Speaker, we are proud to honor Gene Tunney's contributions to our community and know that, with many of his Deputy District Attorneys serving on the bench, his legacy of high standards and fairness to victims will continue in Sonoma County.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING MELISSA SIBLEY FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Melissa Sibley showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Melissa Sibley was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Melissa Sibley always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional

District, I congratulate Melissa Sibley on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

#### A TRIBUTE TO CLÍNICA MSR. OSCAR A. ROMERO ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clínica Msr. Oscar A. Romero, a non-profit organization based in Los Angeles County that provides quality and affordable health care, health education, and advocacy to the uninsured and underserved communities of Greater Los Angeles.

Named after Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, the organization was founded in 1983 by a coalition of Salvadoran civil war refugees and local volunteer health professionals who wanted to address the unmet health care needs of thousands of Central American refugees arriving in Los Angeles in the early 1980s.

During its 25 years of service, Clínica Romero has grown from a very small operation to a \$9.2 million Federal 330 Community Health Center, with two clinics in Pico-Union/Westlake and a third clinic in Boyle Heights.

In the past year alone, Clínica Romero has reached notable milestones.

The organization completed its \$6 million Capital Campaign, which was essential to the purchase and renovation of its main clinic at 123 South Alvarado Street in Pico-Union/Westlake. When the work concludes, Clínica Romero will be based out of its first permanent medical home in its history.

Equally significant, on June 15, Clínica Romero opened a new Children's Clinic located just two blocks from its main site. Renovated with the assistance of a \$1.2 million grant from the St. Vincent Medical Center on behalf of the Daughters of Charity, this "Clínica Infantil" is dedicated to serving the health care needs of children 11 years and younger.

As a way of including the entire community in the celebration of its 25th anniversary, Clínica Romero will hold its 1st Annual Health Walk on October 3—a fun-filled and innovative way to promote the health and well being of the families it serves.

Clínica Romero's 1st Annual Health Walk (Camine, Sonría y Vive con Clínica Romero) is expected to include 2,000 participants who will meet at its 123 South Alvarado Street clinic. They will then walk three kilometers through the local community to the new Vista Hermosa Natural Park, where they will be invited to enjoy a picnic lunch, live entertainment and a community health fair.

Madam Speaker, during my years in Congress, I have had the privilege of working closely with the community health centers in my district and have seen firsthand the important role that clinics such as Clínica Romero play in improving the health of our communities, especially among Latinos. I especially enjoyed partnering with Clínica Romero in se-

curing federal funds to bolster its successful diabetes care program and I pledge to continue to fight for increased federal funding for all of our community health clinics through comprehensive health care reform.

In recognition of Clínica Romero's ongoing and tireless role as a health provider and educator in the 34th District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing its 25th anniversary. I also commend Clínica Romero's Board Chair, Carlos Vaquerano, its Executive Director, Albert Pacheco, and all of the many dedicated people who make Clínica Romero the health care safety net that it is today, especially for the most hard to reach and at-risk patients. Clínica Romero provides resources that enable our community members to stay healthy and strong, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

#### HONORING KRCB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor a local public broadcaster, KRCB in Sonoma County, California. KRCB is celebrating 25 years of service to our local communities.

Nancy Dobbs, President and CEO, has been the guiding force behind KRCB from the beginning. She notes that it is a rare opportunity to build such a public institution. "When we started in January, 1981," she says, "we had to argue for the license before the FCC, find land on which to build our offices and studios, raise money for a station that did not yet exist, and convince the community about the importance of our own public broadcasting service."

Fortunately for all of us, the effort was successful. Today, we cannot imagine life in Sonoma County without KRCB, which provides PBS television, NPR radio, and local programming. It is the only PBS service available to more than a quarter million residents.

Working with nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies, KRCB has led community dialogs on health care, the environment, and disability awareness, to name just a few. The station has been awarded three Emmys for its national environmental series National Heroes, has been honored by the California Teachers' Association for its North Bay Report, and has received honors for local election coverage, provided consistently for the past 17 years. KRCB also provides air time to celebrate local cultural events, such as the full season of the acclaimed Santa Rosa Symphony, which are available in no other venue.

According to Dobbs, "It was clear from the beginning that KRCB's mission was to utilize the public airwaves of which we are stewards to strengthen the communities we serve. Public broadcasting is a critically important tool with which to stimulate community dialog and engagement, central elements of a healthy democracy."

Madam Speaker, we congratulate KRCB Television and Radio on its 25 years of service. It is indeed a treasure of Northern California.

IN MEMORY OF IRVING KRISTOL

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize the life and work of Irving Kristol who died on September 18, 2009. An icon of the conservative movement, Kristol brought his intellect and enthusiasm to the many debates that spanned the nearly nine decades of his life. The Kristol Family has made a difference for America.

Stephen Miller of the Wall Street Journal penned the following tribute to Mr. Kristol on September 19, 2009.

NEOCONSERVATIVE PIONEER PAVED WAY FOR  
REAGAN

(By Stephen Miller)

Irving Kristol, who died Friday at 89, was an editor, political essayist and provocateur universally known as the "Godfather of Neoconservatism."

In a six-decade career, Mr. Kristol's politics evolved ever-rightward, most markedly in reaction to the Great Society programs of the 1960s. As his opposition to what he saw as excesses of the welfare state crystallized, he helped provide the intellectual underpinnings of the Republican resurgence that began with the 1980 election of President Ronald Reagan.

Neoconservatism became a Washington byword for supply-side economics, defense-budget increases and entitlement cuts. The neoconservative framework came to the fore again under President George W. Bush, who awarded Mr. Kristol the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

"America has lost one of its finest thinkers and greatest patriots," House Minority Leader John Boehner (R., Ohio) said in a statement Friday. "Irving Kristol added intellectual rigor and heft to the conservative movement by redefining how we apply the values and principles our nation was founded on to the challenges of the modern era."

Mr. Kristol was appointed an editor of *Commentary* magazine in his 20s. But it was in his own tart essays and as an editor of literary-political journals that he helped found, including *Encounter* in Britain and the *Public Interest* in the U.S., that he fostered his reputation as a public intellectual.

Later, he was a professor at New York University, an executive vice president at Basic Books and a longtime contributor to *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial page.

Mr. Kristol at first resisted the label "neoconservative," but later accepted it. As much an avatar as a progenitor of neoconservatism, Mr. Kristol once described the credo as that of "a liberal who has been mugged by reality."

Mr. Kristol grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. His father was in the garment trade and Mr. Kristol, like many of his bright contemporaries, attended City College of New York, then a hotbed of student radicalism.

He was a self-described student "Trotskyist," but soon after graduation rejected that label. Of his youthful leanings Mr. Kristol later wrote, "It was a useful inoculation that rendered me not only immune, but positively indifferent to the ideological chatter around me."

Any remaining faith in the masses was obliterated by his experience serving in the Army during World War II alongside "thugs or near-thugs."

"Again and again, and to my surprise, I found reasons to think better of the Army and less well of my fellow enlisted men," he

wrote in 1993. "The Army may have radicalized Norman Mailer; it successfully de-radicalized me. It caused me to cease being a socialist."

Energized by the writings of Lionel Trilling and Reinhold Niebuhr—self-described liberals both, but thinkers critical of the human capacity for perfection—Mr. Kristol became managing editor of *Commentary* in 1947.

In 1952, he left *Commentary* and traveled to England to found *Encounter* with the British poet Stephen Spender, as a counterblast to left-wing intellectual publications.

He returned to the U.S., and in 1965 founded the *Public Interest*, a quarterly journal he edited with Daniel Bell, a sociologist and friend from his City College days. The journal was hardly a bastion of right-wing thought, and Mr. Kristol identified himself more as a moderate than as a conservative.

In his 1972 book "On the Democratic Idea in America," he wrote, "I regard the exaggerated hopes we attach to politics as the curse of our age, just as I regard moderation as one of our vanishing virtues."

Later, though, his positions hardened. By 1993, he wrote, "What is wrong with liberalism is liberalism—a metaphysics and a mythology that is woefully blind to human and political reality."

Paul Wolfowitz, former deputy defense secretary, said Mr. Kristol infused policy debates with a practical, "more fact-based" approach and showed thinkers that "it's not enough just to have a sense of what's right and what's wrong, you also have to have a sense of how the world works."

Nathan Glazer, another of the founders of the *Public Interest*, said Mr. Kristol had "a wonderful way of formulating things" and that his Trotskyist years had helped shape his work. "I think his conservatism is clearly infected by where he came from and how he came to it," Mr. Glazer said.

Mr. Kristol is survived by his wife, Gertrude Himmelfarb, a noted historian often identified with the neoconservative movement, and his son, William Kristol, a former chief of staff for Vice President Dan Quayle and editor of the journal the *Weekly Standard*.

HONORING NANCY CARRINGTON  
ON HER 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
WITH THE CONNECTICUT FOOD  
BANK

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many friends, colleagues and community members who have gathered in congratulating Nancy L. Carrington on her 25th anniversary as Executive Director of the Connecticut Food Bank. This is a remarkable milestone for an outstanding and dedicated woman—one whom I am proud to call my friend.

Nancy came to the Connecticut Food Bank just two years after it was incorporated. She began her work with the organization as a food solicitor—responsible for seeking the donation of excess and unsalable products from local and regional food companies. When Nancy first came to the Food Bank, the organization was already distributing 1.3 million pounds of food a year to 188 community agencies throughout Connecticut. Just five

years after she first started with the Food Bank, Nancy became its Executive Director. Twenty-five years later, Nancy can be credited with seeing the organization through its expansion to the largest centralized source of donated, emergency food in Connecticut—distributing enough food to 650 food assistance programs to feed about 250,000 men, women, and children every year.

Nancy is not only responsible for the day-to-day operations at the Food Bank, but is also one of Connecticut's strongest voices on behalf of the hungry in our state. Nancy has said that "food should not be a privilege . . . it should be a basic human right." The fact is that our nation produces enough food to feed everyone—yet families still go hungry. And today, as the economic challenges our families are facing increase, demand in Connecticut is up twenty percent. Nancy has made it her personal mission to overcome the challenge of feeding the hungry—her work touching the lives of thousands over the years. There is no stronger or more dedicated advocate. While she hopes for the day when organizations like the Food Bank are no longer needed, we are certainly fortunate to have her at the helm and can find comfort in the knowledge that someone with her passion and commitment continues to serve our community.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank Nancy for her many years of friendship. She has been an invaluable resource to both myself and my staff. I am grateful for her insights and constant commitment to ending hunger in our state and our nation. And so I stand today to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Nancy L. Carrington, for all of her good work and many years of dedicated service to the Connecticut Food Bank. It has been her leadership that has made this organization such a success and, more importantly, it has been because of her compassion and advocacy that the Food Bank has been able to make such a difference so many lives. Nancy—my heartfelt congratulations to you as you celebrate your 25th anniversary and my very best wishes for continued success.

IRVING KRISTOL TRIBUTE

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Irving Kristol, an extraordinary modern intellectual leader who sadly passed away recently.

Irving Kristol will be remembered as "perhaps the most consequential public intellectual of the latter half of the 20th century" as *The Daily Telegraph* recently memorialized him.

Born to Jewish immigrants in New York City in 1920, Irving grew up during the Great Depression, and his experience during those dark times undoubtedly shaped his worldview.

Kristol was a Trotskyist in his youth who embraced socialism long before he ever advocated for free markets and tax cuts; however, he broke from liberalism and will be remembered most for his conservative thoughts and writings that had a profound impact on generations of Americans.

He worked as the managing editor of *Commentary* magazine, executive vice president of

Basic Books, and in the mid-1960's, Kristol co-founded *The Public Interest*, a domestic policy journal that cast wide influence among policy-makers.

Kristol also served as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, senior fellow emeritus of the American Enterprise Institute, and a member of the board of contributors for the *Wall Street Journal* in addition to the many books he authored. To honor this distinguished career, President George W. Bush awarded him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

Irving Kristol was a thought leader and his forward-thinking ideas shaped policies and helped cement the Republican Party's position as the "party of ideas."

A soldier during World War II, Kristol once wrote that "my army experience permitted me to make an important political discovery. . . . The idea of building socialism with the common man who actually existed—as distinct from his idealized version—was sheer fantasy, and therefore the prospects for 'democratic socialism' were nil."

These beliefs helped shape the policies of President Ronald Reagan's administration in defeating communism.

Our former colleague, Speaker Newt Gingrich recently said that it was Irving Kristol's insights that helped create the solutions-oriented Republicanism that led to the Contract with America.

Irving Kristol was a cheerful conservative, rejuvenating and shaping American politics, often with a smile.

The list of those who will mourn his loss is long and distinguished as he touched many lives, but I take comfort in knowing that both the Kristol name and legacy will live on.

I offer my most sincere condolences to his wife Gertrude, and children, Elizabeth and Bill.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2009*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in opposition to H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. While I have supported unemployment extensions in time of economic emergency, and will continue to do so, I will not give my support to this particular legislation because it unfairly taxes states with strong economies to pay for workers in states that have engaged in poor economic planning.

As you know, the bill would extend unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks in states where the average unemployment rate is over 8.5 percent. To pay for this extension, the legislation extends the 0.2 percent Federal Unemployment surtax for one more year. This is a tax that all employers are required to pay regardless of the state unemployment rate. In other words, citizens in states with low unemployment will be paying for benefits in states that have been fiscally irresponsible or have mishandled their own unemployment fund.

Currently, Madam Speaker, there are 27 states with an unemployment rate of over 8.5 percent. But many states have engaged in commonsense approaches to economic devel-

opment to avoid this catastrophe. In my home state of Oklahoma, for example, our unemployment rate, though rising, is still only at 6.8 percent. As many of you know, Oklahoma suffered a major economic downturn in the 1980s due to the oil bust. However, during the late 1980s and early 1990s, the state of Oklahoma and business community learned from this experience and made great strides in economic diversification. In the years following, housing prices in Oklahoma remained stable and infrastructure grew. Today, Oklahoma's energy, agricultural and entertainment industries are strong and help to support a robust, diversified economy.

At the same time, the state of Oklahoma has worked hard to ensure that its unemployment fund remains solvent. Though many states' unemployment funds were not prepared for a major recession, Oklahoma is one of the only states that will not have to borrow from the federal fund to repay benefits to unemployed workers. In fact, Madam Speaker, the state is not raising the unemployment payments next year. It is entirely inappropriate to force the citizens of states like this to pay a tax in order to pay for the irresponsibility of others. Oklahoma already pays more in unemployment taxes than they receive back from the system, and this extension only makes the situation worse.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I again would like to emphasize that I am not opposed to ensuring that Americans have means to support themselves in economic hardship. However, I do believe that it is unwarranted to tax the citizens of the 23 other states who have produced good economic growth and responsible governance.